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My name is Daniel Peak, and right now I'm working in the engineering department at General Motors as a technical analyst. I was raised in a single parent household, so in Detroit as well. So we really didn't have a lot of money. Uh, so college was always a concern for me, concern for my family as well. We didn't really know how we would pay for it. That summer was filled with a lot of worry, a lot of doubt, a lot of angst. I didn't know what was gonna happen. I didn't even know if I would be able to pursue my bachelor's degree. And then I got a, a call from, you know, this, from this program called LRAP that I had never heard of. And basically it was saying that they would help me to pay back my loans. And that kind of, for me was an answer to prayers because I didn't know how I was gonna be able to afford college. And that kind of opened up this whole door. If not for LRAP, I, I would've compromised a lot. I think I would've compromised on the education I wanted. I would've compromised on the school that I wanted. And ultimately I think I would've compromised a lot in my life. Um, LRAP kind of set that expectation for me to follow my, my dreams and pursue my goals. And that's been the expectation that I've had throughout my career. And I think that's gonna be a real big fuel for me to continue and grow as a professional.

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If you're offered a program like LRAP, you know, definitely take it. Definitely pursue the education that you want on your terms because LRAP affords you that opportunity, you know, to where you don't have to worry about tomorrow, you don't have to worry about your big account tomorrow, like you can pursue the education that you want today. And LRAP is there to assist you in the long run. I think the most unexpected way in which LRAP helped me, um, I'm getting married in August and I had no idea that I would be, you know, meeting my wife at the university that I went to. But I went to that university because LRAP kind of offered me that chance. So if I didn't accept the LRAP offer, if I would've gone to any other university, I wouldn't have the best thing in my life right now. Hope she sees this<laugh>.